11.	Punjab	1140.00 (Option of tariffs)	25.00
12.	Rajasthan	600.00	50.0$_0$
13.	Tamil Nadu	(Upto 2.5 acre free) 250.00	
14.	Uttar Pradesh	1300.00	0.00
15.	West Bengal	0.00	55.00
16.	Assam	0.00	50.00
17.	Meghalaya	0.00	25.00

Electrification of villages

218. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages electrified so far;

(b) what is the number of villages without electricity so far: and

(c) the steps taken to accelerate the programme of electrification in the remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) As per available information, by the end of March, 1993, the number of electrified villages were 4,90,896 (including non-Census and uninhabited villages) while 90,969 villages were yet to be electrified in the country.

(c) Subject to the availability of resources, efforts are being continued to electrify the remaining villages. During the year 1993-94. 3210 villages are programmed for electrification.

Setting up of thermal power plants by foreign companies in Bihar

219. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign based giant power companies have offered to set up coal based thermal power plants in Bihar with huge foreign investments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken on such offers:

(c) if Bihar has not been chosen by the foreign companies for establishing power plants whether Government propose to persuade them to opt for Bihar for the purpose; and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a] No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(C) Private investments have been invited for setting up power projects in all parts *of* India.

(d) Does not arise.